

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	FREES ET AL.	Examiner:	Castro, A.
Serial No.:	09/191,577	Group Art Unit:	2651
Appeal No.:	2002-1800		
Filed:	November 13, 1998	Docket No.:	<b>SJO919980163US1</b> <b>(HGST008-055)</b>

Title: MOUNTING INTERFACE FOR A SPINDLE MOTOR

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Decision on Appeal dated November 8, 2006, and prior to examination per the accompanying Request For Continued Examination, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.